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The *Renovator* is the name of a new paper, at Poplar Bluff. It is an 8-column folio, edited and published by Chas. Campbell. Democratic in politics, with "neutral" tendencies.

The Missouri Press Association will meet at Springfield on the 23d of April. Through the *Farmington Times*, we learn that "a jaunt to Florida and probably Cuba is anticipated."

Plans and specifications for a calaboose and city hall in De Soto have been prepared, and the mayor ordered to receive bids for the erection of the buildings, which, the local papers say, will be a credit to the city.

The neatest bit of printing we have seen from the office of the *Potosi Independent* is displayed in its supplemental sheets containing orders of publication in tax suits. They are the work of the *Independent's* "outside" publisher.

The material for a new depot at Poplar Bluff is in place; and work on the building will begin at once. Of course, it is to be "the finest one on the road." The company doesn't build any other kind, now-a-days—if you take the local papers for it.

Next Saturday the citizens of Farmington will again vote on the proposition to expend \$8,000 for the erection of a new school-house. If the town follow the example of the county, the first new public building over there will see daylight about the year 2000.

The material used on the *Roll-Call*, which did lately languish at Dexter, has been brought up to Piedmont. Some person desirous of accumulating riches rapidly will in a few days have his newspaperial flag floating to the salubrious breezes which give health and tone to the regions of the McKenzie.

Ake, of the Ironton REGISTER put up a street lamp in front of his office, and thinks it will enable him to see an honest man after dark now. He evidently expects a visit soon from some one residing in this county. —Jefferson Democrat.

Now remember, we didn't say it would take a street-lamp's light to discover an honest sojourner from Jefferson county. Thou hast said it!

The financial statement of Madison county for the year ending Feb. 1st, 1884, gives the following points of information: Taxes collected, \$12,374.47. Expenditures, (about) \$6,000. For poor, \$1100; for criminal costs, \$400; for juries and witnesses, \$650. The *Plainsville* claims that by good management the county court has reduced the county's expenses \$2,000, as compared with the outlay for similar services in previous years.

When De Lesseps proposed to construct the Suez Canal it was declared impracticable; but ships are daily crossing the desert sands of the isthmus. When he proposed to cut through the granite mountains of Darlen, the world said: "Impossible," but he has success already in sight. Now he proposes to create a sea in the Sahara; and a skeptical world shakes the head and looks wise, but says nothing. We firmly believe that De Lesseps can not create a Sahara in the sea; but we are not sure of it.

The financial statement of Stoddard county shows that, during the year 1883, \$10,856.14 was received for revenues, and the expenditures were \$990.72 less than that amount. The bonded debt and floating debt of the county, exclusive of interest, is now about \$12,000—showing a decrease in indebtedness of \$8,611.00 during the year. The statement shows Stoddard's finances to be in healthy condition, and in all probability the remainder of the indebtedness of the county will be wiped out within two years.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature to "regulate the errors of medical colleges, to prevent mistakes in diagnosing disease, to crush out egotistical ignorance, and to reward truth, justice, and right, and to add healthful years to thousands of suffering citizens of Ohio, and for other purposes."

Wouldn't it be better to begin modestly and lead gently up to the millennium? Suppose, for instance, we begin with "to reward truth, justice, and right," and save the hard tasks for the future.

According to the *Citizen*, an association consisting of ten citizens of Poplar Bluff and two Eastern capitalists, has been organized, under the name of "Poplar Bluff Packet Line Company." The scheme of the company is to place three steamers on Black river by the first of June, to ply between the Bluff and Jacksonport, Ark. The boats will be fair-sized stern-wheelers and so arranged as to carry a large amount of

freight and to accommodate passengers in neatly arranged cabins. The company intend to devote their line mostly to the transportation of freight to the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis railroad where it crosses the river near Powhatan, Ark., and to the opening up of the timber business. Another meeting of the company will be held about the 1st of March, when arrangements will be completed, and the enterprise set fairly on foot. It is to be hoped it will fully succeed and pay big dividends to the stockholders; but, Bro. Batterton, don't holler till your sure!

That Republican scallawag who ran the Oklahoma (Miss.) States during the campaign of 1880, has started a paper in Leavenworth, Kansas, which he calls the *Free Lance*. Here is a section of his introductory effluvia:

Jack Sherman, the skinny old serpent of a Senator from Ohio, has vomited a vicious resolution in the Upper House of Congress, in which he reiterates the Black-Republican campaign charge that Mahone was defeated by the massacre of a few mokes at Danville, Va.

Yelps and Yow-ow-ows
For an investigation, hoping that it will supply him and his infernal party with a fresh chance to shake the sanguinary smock-tail throughout the coming Presidential combat.

Now, boys, there is no doubt that a handful of Danville bucks were sent

A-kicking and A-kiting

To kingdom come; but the sworn testimony pertaining to that little Virginia kickup proves conclusively that the deed had nothing whatever to do with politics; that the darkies had done a most hideous murder, and the hot blood of the Virginians revenged it on the spot—precisely as it ought to have been revenged.

The big Republican papers will hardly have the face to reproduce this idiot's blatherskittings as Democratic pabulum, but they will no doubt do effective service in the 6x9s published in the "back deestricks."

Not Correct as to the Facts.

In the *American Law Review* for September-October, 1883, in an editorial relating to the enforcement of law, is the following:

"The law is good, enough if it is only administered. Trial by jury is trial by public opinion. If the law is not administered, in nine cases out of ten, it is the fault of the people themselves. If the fellows who take part in mob justice could be caught and unmasked they would turn out to be the very scum of society. The wretched part of their business consists in the part that it is not justice which the mob administers. An insane negro wandered about the streets of a town in Iron county, Missouri; an *inquest of lunacy* was held upon him, and the jury found that he was sane, on the ground that if they were to find that he was insane the county would be put to the expense of keeping him in the insane asylum. A day or two after he was arrested and put in jail for making an indecent assault upon an old lady. A mob broke into the jail at night, took him out and hanged him. There is not the slightest doubt that he would have received adequate punishment at the hands of an Iron county jury, had he been tried—we mean adequate punishment for a sane man, guilty of such a crime. But he was entirely demented, and the hanging of him by this mob was an atrocious murder."

Now, the truth is, Henry Caldwell—the negro referred to—was never tried for insanity, and consequently no Iron county "jury found that he was sane on the ground that if they were to find that he was insane the county would be put to the expense of keeping him in the insane asylum," and the *Review* editorial in consequence loses the fine, moral point to its lecture. The statement it makes is false and slanderous upon our people, who are as intelligent as those of any section, and as subservient to the law—taking it by-and-large. Still, there is perhaps somewhat of blame to be attached to the citizens of our little city in that Henry Caldwell had not, some months before the enacting of the tragedy at the railroad bridge, been made the subject of an *inquisition de lunaticis inquirendo*. He was known for years to be not of sound mind, though, up to within two or three months before the assault, he was thought not dangerous. But in April or May of that year—the hanging was on July 30—he began to get troublesome, and had to be driven with severe threats from about private premises, where he would hang around for hours in the absence of the menfolk, and, in several instances, greatly to the alarm and terror of the unprotected inmates. The matter was talked over by the citizens, but "what is everybody's business is nobody's business," and nothing was done. Beside many were, and are yet, of the opinion, that Henry Caldwell knew right from wrong, and that the act which resulted in his "removal" was the outcome of an unrestrained vicious propensity, and that it was very doubtful if an inquiry into his sanity would have resulted in his detention. The editor of this paper knew him for years; and, while, of course, we always believed his mind to be "a wee bit age," we as well believed it to be difficult to prove him sufficiently out of the way, mentally, to warrant the expense of a commission. And herein is not the law to blame, that, if a jury fail to find the defendant insane, then the person provoking the inquiry must bear its cost?

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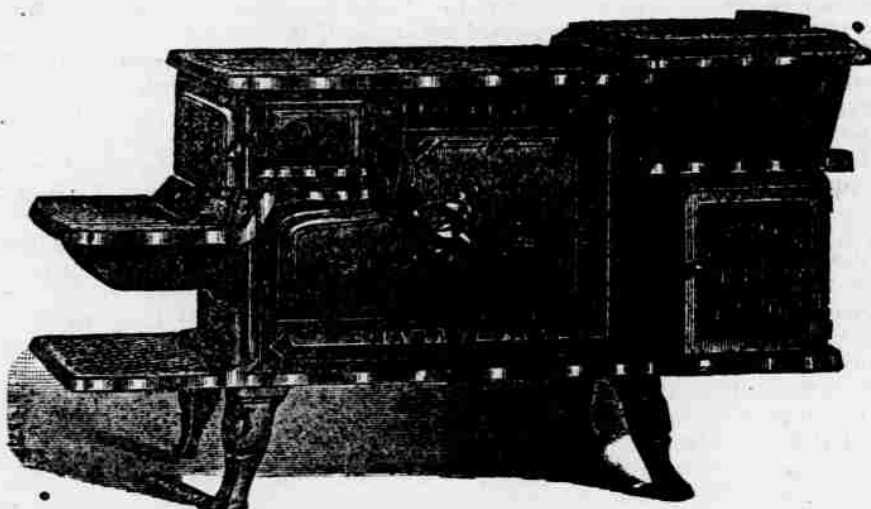
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